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Minutes of the
Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

November 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM
Delaware Department of Agriculture - Conference Room

Commission Members Present

Beverly Steele	Chairman
Patt Wagner	Vice Chairman
George Staats	Commissioner
Stephanie Liguori	Commissioner

Others Present

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Vice President of Racing Charles Lockhart, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, Harrington Raceway Facilities Manager Karen Craft, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario.

Staff Member: Lauren Torres

Commissioner Berberian and Andrew Kerber were unable to attend.

Minutes: Donna Krol

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:02 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Immediately following the "Call to Order," the DHRC Commission dismissed to Executive Session. The Commission returned to Public Session after the Executive Session was complete.

Executive Session:

See Executive Session minutes.

Return to Public Session:

At 10:32 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

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November 13, 2018**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public minutes from the October 16, 2018 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the public minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Liguori and seconded by Vice Chairman Wagner. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the final DHRC rule amendments for rules 3.5, 7.1.7.1, 7.4.1.12 and 7.6.13.24. Motion was made by Commissioner Staats and seconded by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

These proposed changes were published in the October Registrar of Regulations. No comments were received. Proposed changes will be finalized at the November DHRC Commission Meeting and be published in the December Registrar of Regulations going final on December 11th, 2018. Commission members signed the Final Order. Mark Davis will send to the Registrar of Regulations for the December publication.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:

Executive Director: Activity Summary Report

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of October 1 through October 31, 2018.

Racing statistics: June

Total # of Live Racing Days = 12

Total # Live Races = 154

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1214

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 82.7%

*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued = 104

Total Monthly = \$9,150.00/YTD Total = \$82,100.00.

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines)

Personnel Activities:

N/A

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

Commission Meeting 10-16-18

10-23-18 Personnel Interviews

10-24-18 Last day of Harrington 2018 Meet

10-25-18 Move to Dover Downs

10-30-18 Pre Meet Inspection at Dover Downs

10-31-18 First Qualifiers at Dover Downs

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Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Mark Davis
Total # of Rulings: 4
Total fine amount: \$500.00

Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Lauren Torres
Total # Human Drug Tests = 12
Positive result: One, Groom: Kelsey Free
Total # Breathalyzer tests = 553 average 46/day, Positive result – None
Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 0
Fingerprints processed= 18

Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Mark Davis
Total # of starters = 1,214
Post- Race Testing:
157 Blood samples were collected.
121 Urine samples
36 incomplete collections (no urine)
Catch Rate = 77.5%, average time per catch was 34.4 minutes
Cobalt Analysis: 23 Pre Race samples collected
Judge's Special Tests: 2
Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None
Accident On/Off Track: Off Track none, On Track 1 horse injured during race-laceration on leg

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

NONE

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT Requests:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the public session. Motion was carried by Vice Chairman Patt Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Liguori.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 10:00 AM**

CANCELLED Next Rules Committee Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 10:00 AM**

Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 5, 2018.**